# CHAPTER VI.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

102. Colonel W. Peyton retired from Civil Service on the 27th December 1886, and was succeeded in the Conservatorship by me.

103. Mr. Hight resumed charge of the Bijápur Division on the 31st May from Mr. Fernandez, who returned to his permanent post at Belgaum.

104. Mr. R. P. Ryan was transferred to Kolába and Mr. Stewart to Ratnágiri.

105. For three months, during Mr. Murray's absence on leave, Mr. Hight had charge of Dhárwár and Bijápur. He handed over charge of the latter to Mr. G. M. Ryan on the 30th March, and took permanent charge of Dhárwár in place of Mr. Murray, transferred to Belgaum.

106. Mr. D'Cruz held charge of Belgaum from 15th January to 14th March.

107. No other important changes or postings of officers of the Department took place during the year.

108. The following officers conducted the settlement work :—

In Kánara Mr. Lucas up to the 12th October, and from that date Mr. R. T. Wingate. In Belgaum, Mr. Woodward. In Kolába Mr. Sinclair, assisted by Mr. Haripad Mitra. In Ratnágiri, Mr. Logan ; and in Bijápur, Mr. Tucker.

109. The system adopted in Kánara and Kolába, of selecting and demarcating forests before the proposed areas and classification have received the sanction of Government, has this drawback, that if Government does not approve everything a settlement officer has proposed, much unnecessary expense may have been incurred, as the erection of boundary-marks and the clearing of rides separating protected from reserved and portions of excluded from included forests are a heavy charge in most demarcation work. The system appears to be peculiar to Kánara and Kolába.

110. Messrs. Barrett and Talbot continued on furlough during the year.

111. Mr. D'Cruz was granted a further extension of service to 21st October 1888.

112. Three men, sent to study forestry at the Poona College in 1885, failed to pass the final examination, but were allowed to continue their studies. There are now 4 men from this Circle studying at Poona.

113. Colonel Peyton had charge of the Circle during nine months of the year, and I am authorized by him to state that he is perfectly satisfied with the work of the officers who served under him during that time. I can say the same of them for the short period during which I had charge of the Circle.

114. The following account shows the movements of Colonel Peyton and myself during the season :—

At the commencement of the year the Conservator's camp was at Sirsi. Thence Colonel Peyton returned to Yellápur on the 19th May 1886. He left Yellápur, with office, on the 3rd July for Poona, which was reached on the 5th idem, and remained there to attend the sittings of the Forest Commission till 8th October, on which day he left for Yellápur for the purpose of holding hirda sales, and returned to Poona on the 29th October. The sittings of the Commission having been adjourned on the 22nd November 1886, Colonel Peyton went to Yellápur, with office, and remained there till the 15th December, when he again proceeded to Poona. The Commission having closed its sittings, Colonel Peyton returned to Yellápur on the 20th. On the 26th he marched to Haliyál, and on the 27th delivered over charge of the Conservator's office to me.

From Haliyál I went to Nagargali, where operations for the supply of fuel to the railway were in progress, and thence started for Dhárwár, which was reached on the 18th January.

At Dhárwár I met the Divisional Officer, and his office accounts were examined. Camp was then moved to Háveri, *viâ* Hubli and Bankápur. From Háveri camp was moved to Guttal, returning on the 7th February to Háveri.

On the 10th I left for Hángal, and thence proceeded to Sirsi, through Yekambi. At Sirsi I was met by the Divisional Officer, and Mr. Wingate, the Forest Settlement Officer.

On the 21st February camp was changed to Kansur, and the next day Siddápur was reached. From there I went on to Kodkani, and returned on the 27th.

On the 2nd March Sirsi was reached. From Sirsi I proceeded to Malgi, and halted there till the 11th, arriving at Yellápur *viâ* Mundgod on the 15th. There I visited the Saw Mills. The Divisional Officer, Mr. B. J. Haselden, was also there, and his office accounts were examined. On the 22nd camp was moved to Kolikeri, and thence to Kirwatti on the 27th, where sleeper operations were inspected. On the 1st April 1887 my camp was at Tattihalla.

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*List of Statements accompanying the Forest Administration Report of the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, for 1886-87.*

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